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## Denmark's minister due Sept. 8

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, Sept. 3 — Danish Foreign Minister Henning Christensen arrives here next Saturday at the invitation of Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal for talks on the Middle East question and other matters of bilateral interest.

During his four-day visit Christensen will discuss oil supplies to his country, agriculture cooperation between the two countries and Danish contributions to the dairy industry here, according to Danish Ambassador Paul Sandgaard.

Speaking to *Arab News* Monday, Sandgaard said he was not sure whether Christensen will sign a direct oil sale agreement with Saudi Arabia. He will certainly meet Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, whom he already knows from an unofficial Yamani visit to Denmark. Denmark imports 85 per cent of its oil requirements and "the oil situation is always of decisive importance to us," Sandgaard said.

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Prince Saud Al Faisal  
**Saud, Skaf pledge joint Lebanon aid**

JEDDAH, Sept. 3 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia again promised Monday that it will work jointly with other Arab countries and spare no effort for the re-establishing of Lebanon's security and stability.

The assurance was given this time by Foreign Minister Prince Saud to visiting Lebanese Defense Minister Josef Skaf at a meeting attended by Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer.

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**Two youths die in N. Lebanon**

BEIRUT, Sept. 3 (R) — Gunmen kidnapped three young men in north Lebanon and killed two of them, the right-wing Falangist radio reported Sunday night.

The third was still held captive, the broadcast added. It said the gunmen were from former President Sulaiman Franjieh's militia, but did not say whether the kidnapped youths belonged to a political group.

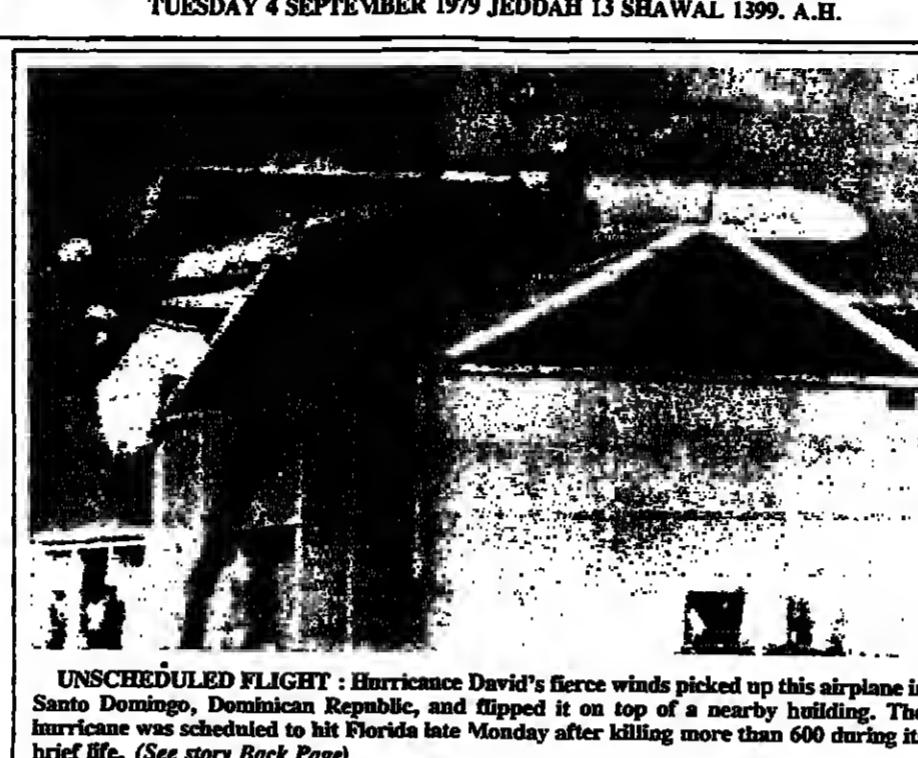
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UNSCHEDULED FLIGHT: Hurricane David's fierce winds picked up this airplane in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and flipped it on top of a nearby building. The hurricane was scheduled to hit Florida late Monday after killing more than 600 during its brief life. (See story Back Page)

## After Romanian visit Begin sees no Syrian shift

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (R) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin said here Monday he saw no change in the attitudes of either Syria or the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) toward Israel.

Begin was addressing a 15-member council of European sub-committee on the Middle East, now visiting Israel.

## Cabinet agrees on graduates for ministries

TAIF, Sept. 3 (SPA) — A ministerial committee will be set up to study needs of the various ministries for university graduates.

The decision was taken at a Council of Ministers meeting here Monday night chaired by Crown Prince Fahd.

Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Maisoud, minister of state and acting minister of information said after the meeting that the committee will report to the Council on the matter.

He added that Prince Fahd gave his instructions to the ministers that medical fees charged by private hospitals should not burden the citizens.

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alqasabi briefed the Council on the activities of the Saudi Fertilizer Company.

He suggested that Saudi employees at the company be issued 100,000 new stocks in appreciation of their effort for the improvement of the company.

The Council agreed to the minister's proposal.

## After brief fight

### Kurds relinquish Mahabad

MAHABAD, Iran, Sept. 3 (AP) — Kurdish rebels relinquished their hold on this Kurdish city in Western Iran Monday after day-long fighting and a two-pronged attack by government forces spearheaded by jets, helicopter gunships and tanks.

The commander of the 14th Army Division which burst through Kurdish defenses positioned at the city's northern approaches, claimed Mahabad was under the control of government forces as dusk settled on the region. But heavy exchanges of artillery fire continued near hills overlooking the city.

Witnesses said there was little damage inflicted on the city itself. One school, a government vocational training center and a handful of houses were damaged by helicopter gunship rockets.

Most of the action within the city was centered on the army garrison used by the Kurdish rebels as their stronghold.

Dr. Saeed Habil Sadeh of the military hospital in Mahabad said 35 wounded Kurds fled the wards when they realized government forces would be in the city within a matter of hours.

An armored column consisting of 14 tanks, armored personnel

carriers and trucks reached the northern outskirts of Mahabad before noon local time. Helicopter gunships pounded away at remaining rebels holed up in the military garrison with rockets and machinegun fire. Another column of troops was at the city's southern approaches and was expected to enter by nightfall.

most of Mahabad's civilian population, including women and children, had left the city before the fighting erupted, many of them carrying their belongings.

### Vance ponders resigning, U.S. magazine says

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is thinking about resigning, according to *Newsweek* magazine.

In its "Periscope" page in this week's edition, which features unattributed items, *Newsweek* said Vance "is consulting senior officials to help make up his mind."

The veteran diplomat has reached the point of quitting because of a combination of factors rather than a single incident, according to unidentified friends of Vance, the magazine reported.

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## Nonaligned summit Cuba attacks U.S. as meeting begins

HAVANA, Sept. 3 (Agencies) — The nonaligned summit formally got underway Monday after the final Arab representatives to the 48-state conference arrived Sunday.

Cuba, the host country for the gathering, led off the proceedings with a bitter denunciation of the United States for allegedly trying to subvert the conference.

The final Arab delegates, King Hussein of Jordan, President Hafez Assad of Syria, and President Benjedid Chadli of Algeria, arrived Sunday night to take part in the five days of debate, which will include action on a number of Arab issues.

The conference opened here Monday at 1425 GMT when outgoing conference President J.R. Jayawardene of Sri Lanka signalled the summit to begin.

More than 40 heads of state and government were in the Plenary Hall of the huge Palace of Conventions.

After a brief introduction by Jayawardene, Cuban President Fidel Castro opened the session with a call for a moment of silence for "our comrade," the late Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, who died early this year.

More than 1,400 delegates from 110 countries filled the vast amphitheater, some 10 kilometers from the center of Havana.

Castro, dressed in the olive-drab uniform of commander-in-chief, named the eight new members of the 87-member organization. They are Bolivia, Grenada, Iran, Pakistan, Nicaragua, the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe.

### New maps needed

## Nature divides Dead Sea

The Dead Sea lies nearly 1,300 feet (400 meters) below sea level.

Shlomo Drori, an official of the Dead Sea Works, which extracts potash, magnesium and bromide from the area, says that the separating of the two seas had taken place a year ago, and satellite photographs now show two distinct bodies of water.

Drori said the separation and the appearance of a plain were principally a result of the drawing by both Jordan and Israel of waters further north from the Jordan River.

The River is the source of 90 percent of the water arriving in the Dead Sea.

If Israel had not intervened and built a canal to pump water into the southern half of the Dead Sea where our industries are located, the southern third of the Dead Sea would dry in just a few years. In fact the southern part cannot even be considered a sea any longer but an artificial lake," he said.

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**6.5 million passengers carried in 1978****Saudia notches up another year of growth**

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 3 — Saudia, the fastest growing airline in the Middle East, recorded another series of spectacular growth figures last year but remained in the red with 1978 losses of SR161.5 million.

The company's annual report for 1978, released Monday, shows a 30.4 per cent increase in revenue passengers to 6.5 million, somewhat less than the goal set last year of seven million passengers in 1978. Cargo traffic increased 28.8 per cent to more than 48 million kilograms.

Eleven new domestic inter-city routes and 23 new international routes were added during the year, including three weekly flights to Athens, passenger ser-



Prince Sultan

vices to Frankfurt and the introduction of a service out of Kano under a joint agreement with Pakistan International Airlines.

Operating revenues jumped 43.1 per cent to SR 2.58 billion,

but expenses also rose at a fast pace, exceeding SR 2.73 billion. Expenses for 1977 were SR1.97 billion.

The report blamed the loss during 1978 on owing worldwide inflation, foreign exchange adjustments and the continued expansion of facilities and equipment. By far the biggest factor, however, was the airline's low domestic yield.

Saudia Director General Kamil Sindi, in a message accompanying the annual report, noted that "there is a 25 per cent reduction in domestic fares, which have remained frozen for a number of years, at the directive of the government to provide low domestic fares for the public."

The annual report also makes no mention of the possibility of changing Saudia into a publicly-held corporation by selling shares to the general public, nor does it mention the creation of a second Saudia airline to serve domestic airline needs. Both ideas had been put forward during the year by senior government officials.

Another 1,891 employees joined Saudia in 1978, bringing the total number to 12,657. Training programs were significantly expanded, notably with the opening in October of Saudia's SR124 million Flight Operations Training Center in Jeddah.

Progress on the SR2 billion Al-Khalidiya Housing Project in Jeddah for Saudia's expatriate personnel passed the one-quarter completed mark during the year.

Four new Lockheed TriStar L-1011 wide-bodied jets were added to the fleet during the year, and five more are on order. The line now has a total 48 aircraft.

**Warehouse safety rules ordered for Mecca area**

JEDDAH, Sept. 3 — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen has instructed the municipalities of Mecca, Jeddah and Taif not to approve applications to build warehouses in populated areas. They should be built in special areas according to the overall plans of the cities.

He said warehouses should not contain inflammable materials. They should follow safety regulations laid down by Civil Defense. They should be on roads at least 15 meters wide to make access easy in case of emergency. They should also be used to store only and not for other purposes.

Prince Saud also ordered the three municipalities to move warehouses located near residential buildings.

stores which have already been built in residential areas. The committee will report on safety measures in the stores, and make sure that they have taken adequate safety measures.

Owners of stores which have not taken adequate safety measures will be given time to adopt them. If they fail to do so, they will be ordered to close.

The committee will also check measures for the safety of shops, restaurants, workshops and cooking gas dealers. The Civil Defense will decide safety measures for each place.

In addition, Mitsubishi Corporation will build a 550 megawatt power station to supply industries at the complex. The station, which will be turbine-powered by steam from the Multi-Stage Flash

desalination processes, will cost SR 935 million.

JEDDAH, Sept. 3 — The Japanese desalination industry, defeated in the recent Al-Khobar II competition, has come back strongly to win over \$1 billion in desalting and power generation work at the site of the Jubail industrial complex.

The contracts were awarded Suday by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, chairman of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation. They call for construction of 40 identical desalination units to supply 200 million gallons a day to industrial users and to Riyadh by mid-1983.

The project, known as Jubail II, was split into four lines of 10 units each of 5 mgd, when bids were invited last year. A consortium of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, C. Itoh & Co. and Sasakura Engineering will build two lines.

Hitachi Zosen Ltd., using technology licensed from Westinghouse Electric Corp., and IHI will each build a single line. The value of each line is around SR 800 million.

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INDIAN FLIGHTS : Civil Aviation Director-General Sheikh Abdulla Mehdi Monday leads a Saudi delegation to talks with his Indian counterpart, Marshal Jazir Zaheer to discuss increasing the frequency of flights between the two countries. The two sides also looked at the possibility of using larger aircraft. They will meet again Tuesday.

**\$1 billion of work****Jubail desal deal goes to Japanese**

By James Buchan

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Jubail II is by far the most ambitious project ever undertaken by the four-year-old SWCC, although the 59 mgd facility at Al-Khobar is the largest single plant. In that project, awarded in early May, the Japanese Consortium for Al-Khobar bid almost double the final price of SR 2.5 billion negotiated with Kraftwerk Union of West Germany.

But the SWCC's decision to break up the contract appears to have led to some savings in cost. The six similar units Sasakura is installing as Jubail I will cost SR 622 million.

On completion of the Jubail II plants, 135 mgd of the stream will be piped 450 kilometers across the desert to Riyadh, which is now dependent on extremely deep wells and depleting aquifers to meet demand of 48 mgd.

The ships arrived here Suday after sailing a month ago from the United States, where their officers and crews had been training. On the way they called at several Mediterranean and Red Sea ports.

They were welcomed to the King Faisal Naval Base here by Lieutenant Colonel (Navy) Salem Barian, Major (Navy) Prince Fahd ibn Abdul Rahman, the commander of the Jeddah Naval Area, the commander of the King Faisal Base and other officers.



Of Titan

## Pioneer spacecraft sends new photos back to earth

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California, Sept. 3 (R) — The U.S. spacecraft Pioneer 11 has transmitted five excellent pictures of Titan, Saturn's largest satellite, more than 1.60 billion kilometers from earth, scientists said Monday.

The pictures, taken Sunday

### Fresh riots, strikes hit Basque land after killing

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Sept. 3 (AP) — Wild demonstrations protesting police violence burned buses and cars and blocked the highway to France Monday as a general strike spread across Spain's troubled northern Basque region.

Hundreds of foreign tourists, heading home by car, were forced back into Spain as police clashed with demonstrators again after a weekend of violence in San Sebastian.

In Bilbao, youths harried streets while a wave of hoax bomb threats kept police busy evacuating banks, the airport and suburban train stations.

On the highway to France near the border town of Irún, police fired rubber bullets and smoke grenades at demonstrators. A witness said he saw two buses burning and a half dozen cars on fire.

Tens of thousands struck Monday to protest what San Sebastian's mayor denounced as "terrible violence" by police that left one teenager dead and scores of others hurt, including two small town city councilmen taking part in Saturday's demonstration.

Scientists had speculated that there might be a primitive life form, such as organic compounds, at the satellite because they believe the atmospheric pressure there may be similar to that on earth.

But Pioneer 11, which gave man his first close-up view of the ringed planet Saturn Saturday, kept its distance from Titan to avoid colliding with the satellite, the scientists said.

The spacecraft, launched more than six years ago, is still performing well, scientists added.

Two more spacecraft, Voyagers I and II are expected to fly closer to Titan next year and in 1981 and may then answer the question of whether there is life there.

Titan, the biggest-known satellite in the solar system, is bigger than the planet Mercury.

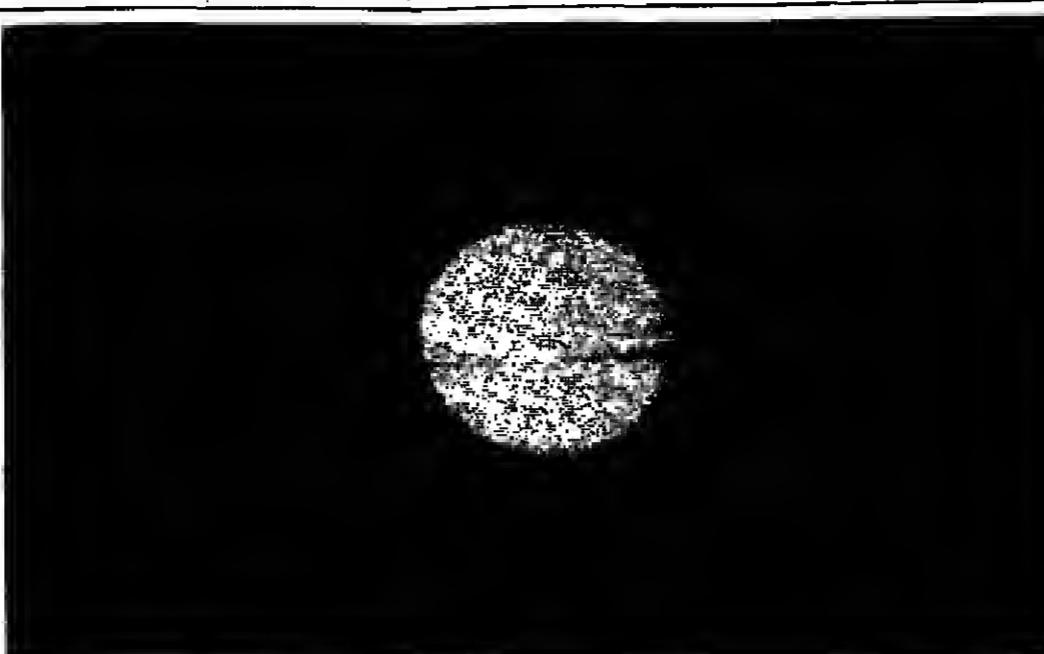
Scientists were disappointed they could not answer the life question, but they were still jubilant about the results of Pioneer's mission to Saturn, the furthest planet reached from earth.

Police said another teenager was shot and wounded Monday near Bilbao when the stolen car in which he was riding failed to stop for a police checkpoint.

Fresh trouble was feared later Monday at a funeral for the slain demonstrator.

Police arrested nine demonstrators in San Sebastian. The government said the demonstration was illegal.

San Sebastian, the Basque capital, remained virtually paralyzed



SATURN : This is a view of Saturn and her rings taken from Pioneer 11 Aug. 25 from a distance of 5,523,000 kilometers. The spacecraft transmitted five photographs of Titan, Saturn's biggest satellite, from a distance of 325,000 kilometers. (AP photo)

### After religious leader arrested

## New Muslim-Hindu clash feared

NEW DELHI, Sept. 3 (AP) —

The arrest of a prominent Muslim religious leader has brought renewed tension to riot-torn Jamshedpur, eastern India, after a two-day lull in communal violence which claimed 15 lives last week.

Two explosions were heard Sunday in the heavily policed city 250 kilometers west of Calcutta but no new flareups of fighting were reported.

Police Saturday arrested Maulana Arshad Qadri under

preventive and anti-incitement powers. He has been quoted as declaring that India's Hindu majority wants to annihilate the Muslims.

A large quantity of explosives and weapons was seized Sunday from the building where Qadri was taken, police said.

A total of 546 arrests has been reported since Hindu-Muslim fighting broke out in Jamshedpur last week. Curfew was in force for the sixth night. An earlier out-

break last April claimed at least 11 lives.

The *Hindustan Times* newspaper reported that "by Aug. 15 every one in this town knew that a fresh wave of violence was going to strike" because bombs and explosives were being stockpiled but the authorities "preferred to remain blissfully indifferent."

Leaflets were distributed for three days by the National Democratic Forum, a group organized by Qadri to press for proportional Muslim quotas in the police and paramilitary security forces and for population shifts to separate the two communities, the *Times* said.

The trouble escalated when Muslims Aug. 25 set off a bomb at the home of a local Hindu politician, the *Times* said.

"The Central Reserve Police unit stationed in the area at a distance of hardly 200 yards looked on helplessly in the absence of executive order to open fire," the newspaper said. It reported that about 3,000 untouchables live in the slum, which is surrounded by a Muslim community of about 30,000.

"Our defenses are strong but we shall need to increase them if we are to preserve peace," he said.

"There is much work to do," he said. "The fact that the Russians are increasing their defense effort by something like four or five per

### Electric plane bares enemy defenses

## New system boosts NATO air power

SPANGDAHEM, West Germany, Sept. 3 (R) — The little-publicized arrival in Europe of new electronic warfare aircraft has boosted NATO's ability to pierce the Warsaw Pact's thick air defenses, according to Western military experts.

"It's the most sophisticated aircraft of this type in the world," say officers at this U.S. airbase in the wooded Eifel Mountains near Luxembourg.

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*McEnroe through as Lloyd defaults*

## Defending champion Connors beats Manson

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (AP) — Defending champion Jimmy Connors celebrated his 27th birthday Sunday by advancing to the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis championship with a 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 victory over unseeded Bruce Manson.

Other winners Sunday included third-seeded John McEnroe, whose opponent, John Lloyd of Britain, defaulted because of a stomach ailment, and No. Five seed Roscoe Tanner, who beat Nick Saviano 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Manson was no match for the second-seeded Connors, who has won all three of his matches here in straight sets. Whoever the 23-year-old Californian tried to approach the net to attack, Connors beat him with strong passing shots.

Connors took the lead in the first set with a service break in the third game and led 4-3 before breaking the match open by winning nine consecutive games. Manson then won three in a row to lead the third set 3-1, but Connors held service at love to start a string of five straight games that closed out the match.

The default by Lloyd postponed the return of the 20-year-old McEnroe to the Stadium Court, scene of his tumultuous encounter with Ilie Nastase of Romania Thursday night. McEnroe won that match 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, but the

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## American football season gets under way



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tennis was overshadowed by unruly crowd behavior that finally led to the replacement of umpire Frank Hammond so that the match could continue.

"Lloyd was up all with a stomach ailment and said he couldn't play," a U.S. Tennis Association official announced. Lloyd had advanced to the third round with a 5-7, 6-7, 7-5, 7-6, 7-6 victory over Paul McNamee Friday. That match, which lasted nearly four hours, was the longest ever played — 63 out of a maximum 65 games — since the Open adopted the tiebreaker system.

In women's action, third-seeded Tracy Austin whipped Kate Latham 6-3, 6-0. No six Dianne Fromholz of Australia dropped a first-set tiebreaker 7-4 but came back to beat Leslie Allen 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; No. Eight Kerry Reid of Australia outlasted Mary-Jon Piatek 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 10 Greer Stevens of South Africa beat Terry Holliday 6-4, 6-0, and No. 11 Kathy Jordan defeated Wendy White 6-2, 6-1.

Saviano was penalized a point for "racket abuse" when, with the score tied 2-2 in the fourth set, he smashed his racket against the ground in anger and broke it. Tanner said he felt his opponent lost his concentration after that.

"You can't let that happen to you," he said. "You can only let it bother you for that one point."

McGregor, who did not post his first victory until the second week

After that you have to concentrate on tennis."

Pat Dupre, who reached the semifinals at Wimbledon this year, scored a mild upset by beating 13th-seeded Gute Mayer 7-5, 6-2, 6-3. Dupre lost the first 10 points of the match but benefited from an interruption of 2½ hours during the first set because of rain.

"The delay helped me regroup," Dupre said. "I began to play aggressively. I was playing

right into the hands of a counter-attacker, and I realized that during the break."

Dupre trailed 5-3 in the first set

before winning six games in a row. He also captured the final four games of the second set after a 2-2 tie and the last three games of the third set after a 3-3 tie.

Mayer became the fifth seeded player to be eliminated from the men's draw, joining No. eight Victor Pecci of Paraguay, No. 12

Wojtek Fibak of Poland, No. 15 Adriano Panatta of Italy and No. 16 John Alexander of Australia.

Five seeded women have been eliminated — No. Seven Wendy Turnbull of Australia, No. 13 Sue Barker of Britain, No. 14 Pam Shriver, No. 15 Ann Kiyomura and No. 16 Betty Stoe of the Netherlands.

"I feel pretty confident," Fromholz said of her chances in this tournament.

**McGregor retires 16 batters**

## Orioles pitcher destroys Twins

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (AP) — Gary Roenick slumped a two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Minnesota Twins 3-1 Sunday behind the five-hit pitching of Scott McGregor.

He retired 16 Minnesota batters in a row after Ron Jackson singled home a run for the Twins in the third.

Roenick connected for his 23rd homer off Roger Erickson (1-9) after Ken Singleton walked to open the eighth and moved to second on a wild pitch. The first Baltimore run scored in the fourth when Roenick grounded into a double play.

McGregor, who did not post his first victory until the second week

of June after being bothered by early elbow problems, has won eight of his last nine decisions, including the last four in a row.

Elsewhere in the American League, Willie Montanez led off the 11th inning with a home run, lifting the Texas Rangers to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Craig Nettles' two-run homer capped a game-winning three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning and Oscar Gamble walked a solo shot in the 10th, rallying the New York Yankees to a 6-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Dave Frost and Mark Clear combined on a five-hitter and Don Baylor drove in two runs with a single and his 31st homer as the

California Angels defeated the Cleveland Indians 5-2.

Gorman Thomas smashed his 37th home run to take over the AL leadership and Sixto Lezcano added his 26th, a towering two-run shot in the fifth inning, to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Right-hander Rick Langford survived 10 hits, including two home runs, and Dave Revering triggered three rallies with a single and two walks, as the Oakland A's beat the Detroit Tigers 3-4.

Roy Howell drove in four runs with three hits, including a three-run homer, as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 8-5.

In the National League, the Montreal Expos collected nine hits and six runs in the first inning and went on to a 13-1 rout of the Cincinnati Reds behind the four-hit pitching of Steve Rogers.

Steve Nicosia belted a two-run double in the second inning, spurring the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Standings:

### American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	84	82	.500	—
Minnesota	82	84	.494	8
Boston	78	85	.456	9%
New York	73	80	.459	14%
Detroit	73	64	.533	16%
Cleveland	69	68	.500	20%
Toronto	44	92	.324	45
West				
California	74	63	.540	—
Kansas City	70	64	.529	1%
Minnesota	70	65	.526	3
Seattle	66	69	.483	8
Chicago	59	76	.437	14
St. Louis	58	80	.426	16%
Oakland	46	92	.333	28%
National League				
Pittsburgh	81	54	.600	—
Montreal	74	54	.571	3%
St. Louis	72	61	.541	8
Chicago	71	62	.537	9
Philadelphia	68	65	.507	13
New York	53	79	.402	19%
West				
Houston	77	59	.566	—
Carolina	77	62	.556	1%
Los Angeles	64	72	.471	13
San Francisco	60	77	.438	17%
San Diego	57	80	.416	20%
Arizona	53	82	.393	23%

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## South Yemen's search for oil supplies

By Farouk Luqman

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (South Yemen) has invited Western oil companies to apply for licenses to explore for oil in the country. Although extremely socialist and staunchly anti-West, South Yemen has taken a bold step that it hopes will ease the considerable economic troubles which have made it one of the poorest countries on the United Nations list of indigenous states.

A former British crown colony, South Yemen regained its independence in 1967, allied itself with the Soviet Union and the socialist camp and launched a ceaseless tirade against "Western imperialists", "monopolistic companies" (meaning the oil cartels and other multinational corporations), "Arab reactionaries" and anything that was not thoroughly socialist, Marxist or anti-West.

But the harsh economic realities of the post-independence decade have led to a cautious pragmatism — aided, no doubt, by the failure or unwillingness of the socialist states to explore for oil possibilities in South Yemen. The Algerian oil company Sonatrach spent a long time in both South and North Yemen looking for oil in vain. It had neither the kind of money nor the technical wherewithal to dig enough wells or to drill deep enough to assess the potential that the two countries had for any mineral wealth.

North Yemen has already invited Shell to try harder and exploration is underway in various parts of the country, although nothing has been found so far to indicate whether or not there is oil in commercially exploitable quantities.

The story of oil exploration in South Yemen dates back to the 1950s or almost the same time that it started in Dhofar, the southern province of the neighboring Sultanate of Oman. Dofafur produced some oil and more is being successfully explored. But the search in South Yemen was given up quite early for two main reasons, although a British subsidiary of the old Iraq Petroleum Company had found some promising signs of oil.

The first reason was that at the time of exploration, in the eastern province of South Yemen, otherwise called the Hadhramaut or the Fifth Governorate, the political situation was in a state of flux. The company felt insecure and decided to call off



the search until the situation returned to normal from its own point of view. It never did, and when the country became independent in 1967 and the British left the country.

The second reason is that the oil company concerned believed at the time that there was a worldwide glut of oil, made even greater by the opening of Abu Dhabi in the Gulf which proved to be almost another Kuwait in the abundance and relative cheapness of its oil. Hadhramaut oil would have called for a costly outlay on pipelines from the fringes of the Empty Quarter in the Arabian Sea port of Minkalla, tanker loading jetties, storage facilities and a myriad of other services.

That was in the days when oil cost the oil companies less than 50 cents per barrel and there was a plentiful supply, particularly in the Arabian Peninsula.

The situation is markedly different now, with oil costs of \$2 a barrel and more and the promise of a rise even higher towards the \$4 mark.

South Yemen is more likely than not to have oil in commercially exploitable quantities. There is so much oil around it and in almost identical terrain, that it would be surprising if it proves to have none of its own.

Politically there should be no obstacles to Western "imperialist" companies working under the aegis of a Marxist regime. They are operating perfectly well in Angola where Western oil company installations are guarded by Cuban troops. Even Vietnam is seeking Western oil company assistance in exploiting its wealth.

Newspapers Monday featured pictures of King Khaled and his meetings in Geneva. They also featured the meeting of Crown Prince Fahd, of Taif, with Bahrain's heir apparent and defense minister, and the statement made by Lebanon's defense minister, after meeting the crown prince, on Saudi Arabia's unwavering support for his country.

Another item gave prominence was the arrival in Morocco Sunday of Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah after attending the Sept. 1 of celebrations in Libya.

Front page coverage was also given to speculations about Syria's readiness to conclude peace with Israel without implying that such a peace will materialize immediately or in the near future. "Israel will never accept Syria's precondition for talks that it withdraws from

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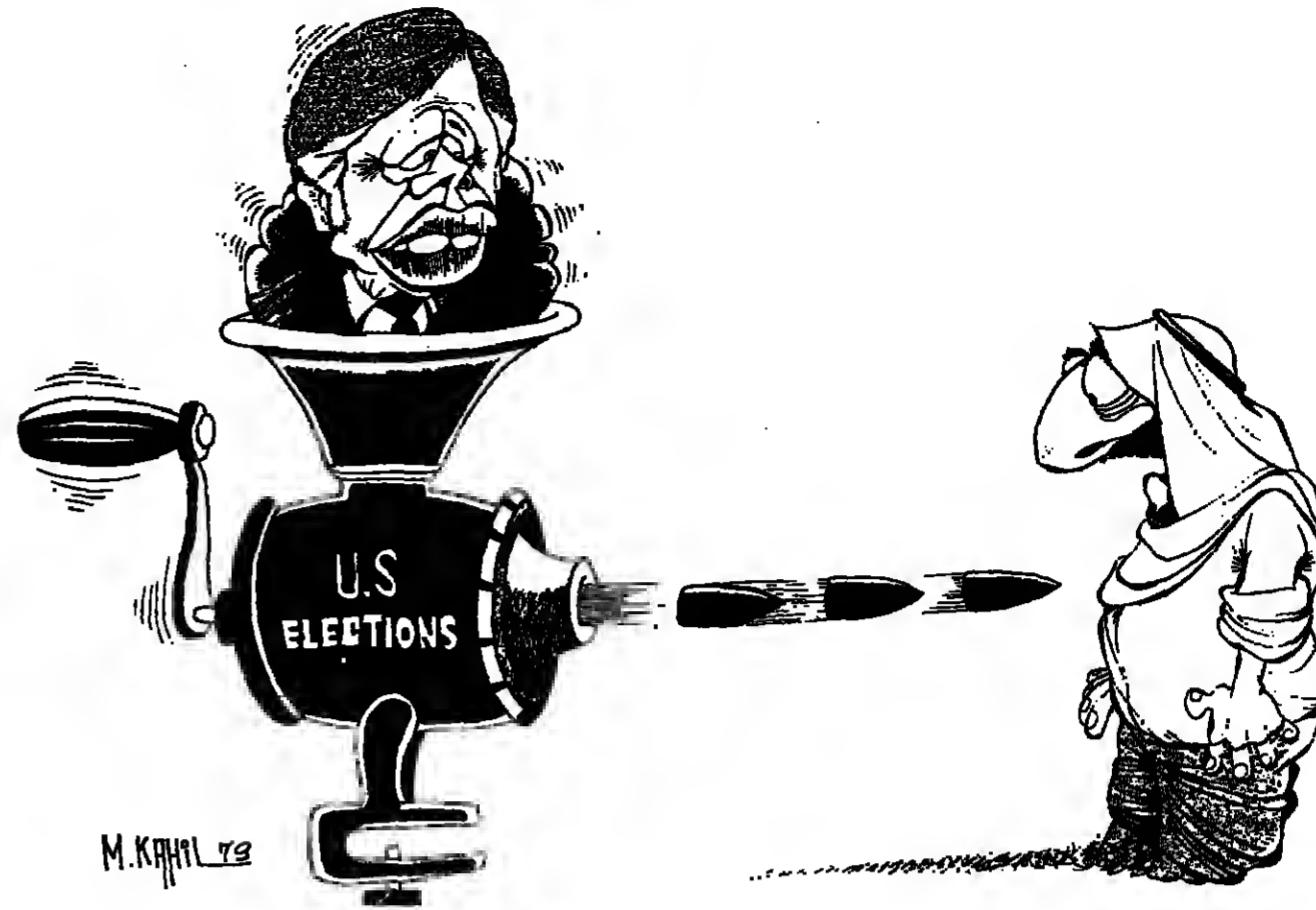
tacular advances by Muslim rebels in Afghanistan, the forthcoming meeting in Kuwait of Gulf oil ministers to prepare for a European-Gulf dialogue, the invasion of Libya by Libyans throughout the world by Libyans abroad on orders of President Qaddafi to perfect the cultural revolution, the non-aligned conference in Cuba, and a protest note to Castro's government by the United States over the presence of Soviet troops in that country. The news of Pioneer 11 approaching Saturn was also highlighted.

Okaz said that President Ceausescu's announcement that Syria had accepted peace with Israel does not imply that such a peace will materialize immediately or in the near future. "Israel will never accept Syria's precondition for talks that it withdraws from

the Golan Heights which the former considers as vital to its security. By giving such commitment to President Ceausescu, Syria only meant to demonstrate the lack of Israeli genuineness towards peace. Israel will certainly again resort to dodging the issue."

The paper said that it was no coincidence that Syria omitted Palestinian rights from those talks. That was for two main reasons: first, Israel will reject Syria's demand for a pullback; and secondly, despite the difficult circumstances they now face, the Palestinians are lobbying on a worldwide scale to confirm their rights.

It concluded that Romania's mediation will add nothing new to the prevailing climate in the Middle East, as it so far failed to set forth an acceptable framework for action by both antagonists: Syria and Israel.



## Revolution gains way in Afghanistan

By Brian Eads

### KABUL

In the drab dining room of the once stately Kabul Hotel a dozen Russian "advisers" sit glumly over breakfast: tea (one Lipton's bag per pot), gargantuan slabs of coarse bread, and cold scrambled eggs.

They're glum with good reason. When veteran Marxist Nur Muhammad Taraki took power in a bloody 10-hour coup d'état in April last year neither Kipling, Kim nor the British Empire were there to frustrate their ambition, the Russians could sniff the warm waters of the Arabian Sea, and the 'Great Game' seemed in the bag.

Fifteen months later, the Taraki regime and its substantial corps of Russian advisers are facing a murderous jihad, with the latest reported victims some 30 Russian sightseers slaughtered by rebels at Kandahar, 200 miles south-west of here.

The remarkable thing is that Afghanistan was ripe for revolution when Taraki took power, and the reforms decreed by his People's Democratic Party, known as the Khalq, addressed themselves directly to fundamental problems.

Villagers' debts were cancelled and moneylenders outlawed, land was taken from feudal lords and given to the peasantry, there is a drive to stamp out illiteracy, now 90 per cent, education for women, and a curb on the buying and selling of brides (the ceiling set at \$12.)

But the 'new model revolution' sought to bridge the gap between the middle ages and a Socialist Utopia overnight. They moved too quickly and insensitively," said a Western observer.

"They set out to break the Islamic clergy and underestimated the deep conservatism of the common people. Before they could consolidate the reforms survival had become the top priority.

Most important they've painted themselves as anti-Islamic and as a creature of the Russians. If the flag was Islamic green rather than godless red, if they hadn't called each other "comrade" ... it's a paradise of ifs. They've done everything," he said.

The result is armed resistance to Khalq rule throughout Afghanistan's 28 provinces. To the east of Kabul, between the border with Pakistan, in Koozara, Pakita, Lowgar and Nangarhar provinces, the rebel mujahideen, or 'holy warriors', effectively control all but the provincial capitals and the major towns.

The picture is much the same in Parwan and Bamiyan provinces in the mountains of the Hindu Kush to the north-west, and in Gazi, Zabol and Kandahar to the south-west.

The Government controls the main roads running through the cultivated river valleys and the towns they link. But that's about all. As I saw on the five-hour drive between Kabul and the Khyber Pass, they do so with armoured cars, troops guarding bridges and passes between the towering mountains, road blocks, and a soldier riding shotgun on every civilian truck.

When the mujahideen launched their campaign a year ago the tribesmen were armed with battered Lee Enfield rifles inherited from fathers and grandfathers. Now, their spokesman in Peshawar, on the Pakistani side of the Khyber told me, "We've everything they have and what's more our mujahideen know they'll go directly to Paradise if they die."

For the weapons at least they had photographs to support the claims — grizzled, unsmiling tribesmen

sporting a killing array — from AK-47 assault rifles, machine guns, rocket-launchers and anti-tank mines to 107mm cannon, anti-aircraft artillery and a T-34 tank.

It's a small part of the huge quantity of military hardware the Soviet Union is feeding Kabul. Much of it has been delivered to the rebels by Taraki forces who've surrendered rather than continue fighting fellow Muslims.

In one episode six weeks ago, the rebels claim, an entire brigade in Shanki district of Zabol province killed its 21 loyal, party card-carrying officers, and crossed the lines.

The only serious challenge to rebel activity comes from the air — recently delivered Mi-24 helicopter gunships, Moscow's latest and most sophisticated model, and MiG-21 fighters, brought in to replace slower MiG-17s, which the rebels were shooting down with gay abandon (they claim to have shot down three in Parwan province alone last month). Reliable sources in Kabul say the more sophisticated helicopters and fighters are being flown by Soviet pilots, and are proving an invaluable addition to the Government arsenal.

But the issue at present is not whether, or when, rebel forces can draw a net about Kabul and topple the regime by force of arms. Their war of attrition is certainly bleeding the 100,000-man army, many of them reluctant conscripts paid \$2 a month. But rebel action remains random, sporadic and uncoordinated and they appear unable to consolidate their gains.

Last month Lowgar province, just 15 miles south of the capital, came under rebel control. After just two days of fierce Government counter-attack the rebels were driven south and Kabul restored its control.

They have no coherent picture of how to orchestrate a military campaign. "Our strategy," one said, "is to kill Communists."

But the more important questions are being posed of and within the Taraki regime itself.

The President is ubiquitous. Peering down from Government buildings, shops and private homes, with distinguished grey hair, cheeks rouged in the photo lab, he looks like the benign uncle who always slipped you a little gift. Last week, to add to the accolades, a seminar of writers and poets decided to follow the literary style of the Great Leader.

His pro style notwithstanding, a large question mark hangs over the continued survival of the man who has been variously a cleric, Press attaché at the Afghan Embassy in Washington and a translator at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. The two pillars keeping him aloft — the armed forces, and the Soviet Union's 1,500 military and 2,500 civilian advisers — are looking less reliable by the week.

On August 5 Kabul was treated to the spectacle of helicopter gunships rocketing and strafing the ancient Bala Hissar fort on the edge of the dusty, tangled mud labyrinth of the old city, where Marco Polo would notice few changes.

A commando unit billeted at the fort mutinied after what appears to have been the thwarting of a coup d'état. The previous day conspirators had been arrested at two other Kabul barracks. Foreign sources say at least 300 died in the Bala Hissar battle.

Troops have mutinied before: in February at Herat, near the Iranian border, and in May at Jel-

alahab between Kabul and the Khyber Pass. Both uprisings were crushed by loyal troops, though at Herat not before 25 Soviet military advisers had died — some skinned alive, others castrated and dismembered.

"But in Kabul, and after all the precautions, you'd expect loyal troops," said a diplomat. Just a week before Bala Hissar the precautions had included a Cabinet reshuffle transferring the Defense portfolio to Prime Minister Amin Hafizullah — the former Kabul University professor regarded as the regime's strong man — while potential rivals were moved to less powerful ministries and remote border posts.

Efforts to purify the army have been under way since immediately after last year's coup d'état. The air force chief and former Defense Minister, Col. Abdul Khadar, is just one of thousands in jail. According to the U.S. State Department, 3,000 have already been executed. Certainly 160,000 Afghans have fled into Pakistan.

The savage purge in the army has put the command of divisions in the hands of majors and half-colonels who would normally lead companies. Security and advancement depend on party membership, and half the 8,000-man officer corps are Khalq cadres.

"It's only these Moscow-trained officers who're keeping the troops in line," said the diplomat.

The mujahideen rebels believe that the common soldier will rally to the cause. President Taraki's urgent task is to prevent this, while building a wider base of support in the countryside.

In the army crash political education programs are under way. The thrust of the popular campaign is to establish the Khalq leadership's Islamic credentials.

Though sheep now graze contentedly beneath the pockmarked brown walls of Bala Hissar, the consensus in Kabul is that it's already too late.

"They've generated too much hatred and suspicion to back-track successfully." Which leaves the ball square in Moscow's court, and not many options open.

Replace the present leadership, but with whom? No one tainted by association would win popular support.

Withdraw and watch the regime toppled by fundamentalists, with all the additional dangers that implies for unrest among Soviet Muslims across the border?

Support the regime more vigorously and risk losing more Soviet lives and prestige in what Washington might call a 'no-win situation.'

Reference to British experience in two 19th-century Afghan wars promises much backscratching in Moscow. Heroically and disastrously Britain discovered that the Afghan tribes would not be ruled by foreigners or the puppets of foreigners.

Eighteen million people in an area the size of Germany, Belgium, Holland and Denmark, a terrain rivaling the moon in inaccessibility, inherent unruliness and generations of expertise in guerrilla warfare hold the promise of a nightmare.

Still, no one in Kabul expects the Russians to pack their bags and scuttle home. More than 40 cooperation agreements are signed already, and there's a friendship agreement with mutual defense provisions. "This is not like the Americans in Vietnam," said an Asian observer. "The Russians live just next door, and they're very patient". (OFNS)



*A tourist value*

## The surprising industry of Taiwan

By Farouk Laqman

TAIPEI—It is like Tokyo, or Singapore, or even a Western city. The streets are crowded, evidence of a beehive of economic activity as much as popularity in tourism. The multi-story shopping complexes are reminiscent of Selfridges of London and Printemps of Paris, and the merchandise is of similar quality. Indeed, many of the clothes on the racks of European fashion houses are exported from Taiwan, adorned with the famous, magic Western brand names. The designs are sent out from Paris, London, New York; the industry is found here.

Seventeen million people live in Taiwan, and their industry and determination are a constant surprise. With few natural resources to speak of, the Taiwanese have forged something of an economic miracle in Asia with their own hard work.

Mainland China is virtually an artillery shell away, and the anti-aircraft batteries can be seen clearly aboard commercial aircraft circling Taipei's Chiang Kai Shek Airport. Air raid shelters are clearly marked near all public buildings.

Yet there is nothing oppressive about these precautions. Unlike the people of a Communist or similarly totalitarian society, the Taiwanese seem happy with their fate and surroundings.

With per capita income inching toward \$1,600 a year, Taiwan will soon be second only to Japan in Asia. The Taiwanese live well, certainly better than most other Asians. With the cost of living under firm control, \$200 a month for a family in Taipei is a lot of money. A Taiwanese friend advises that \$300 to \$400 a month would make one a fairly rich man here.

And with that, the value of a tourist's dollar stretches far as well. A villa by the beach costs no more than \$200 a month, according to travel agencies here in the capital. Domestic help is only \$50 a month.

A woman visitor is able to buy everything she wants at half the prevailing prices in, say, Jeddah or Riyadh. Men's suits and children's clothing are even cheaper, because they are made entirely in Taiwan. A suit can be tailor made, at no extra cost, in as little as 24 hours. Dresses, no matter how complicated, can be made to order in not more than 48 hours.

For someone coming from the oil producing countries, transportation is equally cheap. A chauffeur-driven car costs no more than \$5 an hour. Air transportation from one end of the island to the other costs but a few dollars from Hualien Gorge in the east and back to Taipei (30 minutes in each direction), the fare is \$24, and the aircraft is a Boeing 737.

Hotel accommodation is as luxurious as that in Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok, and is also cheaper. For \$40 a day, the Grand in Taipei is probably the greatest hotel bargain in the world.

The Grand is the most elaborate and ornate hotel in Asia. It dwarfs Bombay's famed Taj Mahal and Delhi's Ashoka. It is a stunning piece of Chinese architecture, with vast balconies for each room, making each single bedroom a suite, at no extra cost. The service is instant, the staff obliging (as are most Chinese). Drinking glasses and flasks are sanitized each time a guest leaves the room.

Baths are disinfected twice a day. The shopping arcade within the hotel makes it almost unnecessary to go downtown, except, of course, in search of bargains.

Built on a hilltop, the Grand stands on hundreds of red cement and marble columns which support a pagoda-like structure painted over and carved with painstaking dedication. The Hotel overlooks a murky river, where, unfortunately, industrial effluents have long since killed off the fish. To make up for the loss of such natural scenery, the hotel management built an Olympic-sized swimming pool which can be seen from the eastern wing of the hotel. A number of flower beds surround the hotel and adorn the entrance. There is a botanical gardens next door, along with a zoo and an amusement park.

With all this luxury at such a low price, it is wise not to expect immediate reservations. I was told that it may take weeks to secure a room. The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has to reserve rooms months in advance if the number of visitors exceeds a dozen. An Australian businessman told me that he had promised his wife a week's stay at the Grand two years ago, but each time he decided to take her with him to Taipei, he was turned down, although he had telezed the hotel two weeks in advance. In his last and successful attempt, he telezed them three months ahead of his arrival in Taiwan. One feels certain his wife thought the eventual reward worth the wait.

Years ago, the American Hotel Association voted the Grand one of the ten best hotels in the world. As it has aged the hotel has become even grander and more difficult to get into. But however long it may take to get in staying in the Grand will always remain an unforgettable experience.

Opened only three months ago, Taipei's Chiang Kai Shek airport is said to be even bigger than Tokyo's controversial Narita airport, less Narita's congestion. Forty-five minutes by car from downtown Taipei, the airport is the newest in Asia.

The only disagreeable aspect of Chiang Kai Shek airport is the lengthy, elaborate baggage search upon entry and exit. This, sadly, is for security baggage search upon entry and exit. This, sadly, is for security reasons.

Taiwan's shopkeepers have eased the frustrations familiar to the West. They open at 11 a.m., and remain open until 11 each night, including Sundays and holidays. There are overtime and small bonus checks for employees who work the holidays, but they make shopping a sheer pleasure for the consumers and for themselves, since shopping tends to pick up with cheerfulness in the marketplace.

Men and women seem to have all the time they need to shop around at leisure and bargain to their heart's content. And bargaining, except perhaps in the bigger shopping complexes like the President and Eastern Department Store, is important. Prices can come tumbling down by as much as 50 per cent if the shopper is persistent enough to actually move away from the stall in search of another bargain. In one shop, I was offered a 50 per cent discount on the charming pretense that I was the first shopper of the morning and could not leave the shop without buying something, however trivial.

Taiwan is a shopping paradise. If you cannot afford the imported Christian Dior silks from Paris, you can easily opt for the locally-made imitations—replicas of the more expensive, at only 25 percent of the price.

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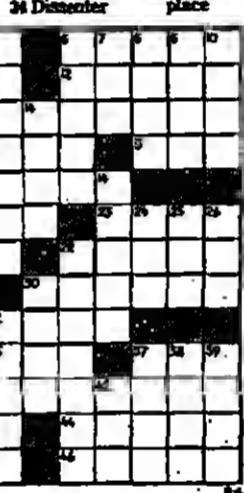
## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stationed at many American cities
  - 5 Strikingly odd
  - 11 Precipitancy
  - 12 Troublesome
  - 13 Estimate
  - 14 Regarding a rabbit
  - 15 Golf term
  - 16 Be in debt
  - 17 Good quality
  - 18 Illinois' state flower
  - 19 Crosby-Hope film word
  - 20 Mixture or pinch
  - 21 Of certain years
  - 22 Washington group
  - 23 Do an editing job
  - 24 New Guinea's territory
  - 25 Time period
  - 26 Flyer's title
  - 27 In diagram
  - 28 Bullock
  - 29 German city
  - 30 Cheap
  - 31 Consumed DOWN
  - 32 Nonresident
  - 33 Detroit expert
  - 34 Cut it out!
  - 35 Go wrong
  - 36 Boxing great
  - 37 Name of
  - 38 Melody Makers
  - 39 Youth Welfare
  - 40 Music
  - 41 Hot Rock
  - 42 The Golden Age
  - 43 Imp. Com & Recollections
  - 44 Brain of Britain 1978
  - 45 Something to Show You
  - 46 World News
  - 47 News Summary
  - 48 Sarah Ward
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  - 57 Financial News
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  - 60 Ulster in Focus
  - 61 Discovery
  - 62 World News
  - 63 News about Britain
  - 64 Alphabet of Musical Curios
  - 65 Sports International
  - 66 Radio Newsreel
  - 67 Promenade Concert
  - 68 Sports Round-up
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  - 70 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
  - 71 Report on Religion
  - 72 Radio Newsreel
  - 73 Outlook
  - 74 World News
  - 75 Commentary
  - 76 Sherlock Holmes
  - 77 World Today
  - 78 Books and Writers
  - 79 Take One
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  - 93 Financial News
  - 94 Book Choice
  - 95 Reflections
  - 96 Sports Round-up
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  - 98 Commentary
  - 99 The Face of England

## Saturday's Answer

- 25 Suffic. 35 Biblical with complain 37 Drage above or Collins 38 Color 39 Finnish verve: IL poem 39 Li'l's 39 Yenne 40 Poet's 41 nightfall 42 Bovine place



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E  
E L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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Saturday's Cryptogram: THIS DAY WE FASHION DESTINY,  
OUR WEB OF FATE WE SPIN.— J. G. WHITTIER

## Rome's Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

## Famous Hand

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ Q 10 5  
♦ J 5 3  
♦ J 6 5 2  
♦ K Q 7

WEST

♦ J 9 5 3

♦ 8 2

♦ 3

♦ Q 10 9 8

♦ A J 8 4

EAST

♦ 7 4

♦ 4

♦ 3

♦ 10 9 3 2

SOUTH

♦ A K 2

♦ A K Q 10 9 7

♦ A K 7 4

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The contract is six hearts made by South. The opening lead is the three of diamonds.

Back in 1933, the Franklin Bridge Club of Philadelphia staged its annual team of four championship. It was no world-shaking event — the winners' names, even if they could be recalled, would stir no excitement — but one hand played in the contest was quite extraordinary.

Most of the North-South pairs got to six hearts, and in pairs, it was almost one. The hand wandered from table to table searching for a declarer who could make the slam, but never did one. It was only in later analysis that a brilliant suggestion was

made to West with both the jack of spades and ace of clubs. Nevertheless, that is precisely the kind of luck one should rely on in an otherwise hopeless hand.

The principle that applies here is simple enough. Whenever declarer can make a contract only if the opponents' cards are divided in a certain way, he should assume that that is the actual distribution.

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## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:51	6:10	12:27	3:52	6:38	8:08
Medina	4:49	6:07	12:27	3:56	4:40	8:10
Nejd	4:21	5:40	11:58	3:25	6:10	7:40

## DAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Ses St : 1174, Carolines
5:58 Animals secrets	Cr: Indians 88
6:22 Gr. Sports Legends	Can Human Nature be changed 24
6:43 Family Classics	Hank Aaron 21
8:30 Theater of Stars	Little Women Part 11 67
9:13 Second Run	Shipwrecked 45
	Jalopy 60

## WEATHER

Warm summer weather will prevail on most parts of Saudi Arabia, moderate in resort areas.

Winds will blow north to north-west in the northern, Eastern and central regions, and north to north-west on the Western Region. It will blow south-west in the south.

Winds will be moderate to fresh in some parts, raising sand in some places.

Clouds which might cause rain will cover most parts of the Kingdom, particularly the south-western highlands and parts of the western, central and north-western regions. There may be thunderstorms.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to choppy.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	30	Tabuk	42	25
Jeddah	37	31	Al-Jauf	42	23
Riyadh	43	26	Turaif	40	21
Dhahran	43	25	Sulayl	40	24
Medina	41	28	Yanbu	39	29
Taif	33	19	Khamis Mushait	27	15

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2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	1:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
10:00 Opening	1:00 Close Down

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8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses	10:05 Opening: Analyses News Summary
8:30 Dateline	10:30 VOC Magazine; America; Science; Culture; Letter
9:00 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation News Summary	11:00 Special English: News 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT Midnight
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## Morning Transmission

4:00 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary


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# Crisis or no crisis, the automobile is not likely to change very much from its present basic form.



WHEN MOTORISTS in Glendora, California, had to wait in line for gasoline in July, they were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of Mrs. Hestia taking her neighbor's shopping in a buggy (or trap) with a pure bred Arabian pony in harness. Mrs. Hestia is active in a local group of enthusiastic breeders and trials organizers;

## Today's car has become an old habit

With just a thin slice of light making its appearance in the energy crisis gloom, a question on many lips now is whether it's for real, or is it just a ploy to allow the big oil companies to increase their prices and profits. If it is a real crisis — what does it mean for the ordinary car owner? Will there be radical changes in basic engine and body styling? Will the automobile as we know it today disappear altogether perhaps? That's thought not very likely — well, not just at present anyway.

Old habits die hard and the car we know today has become an old habit. Some would argue that it's about time to change. But the basic three-section car — the engine compartment, the passenger compartment and the trunk, or boot, hasn't altered very much for the past seventy years. It serves its purpose well in that form. There have been some attempts at major change, but not very much ever became of them. There was the Messerschmitt of the fifties, where driver and one passenger sat in tandem and the whole affair looked rather like a midget submarine on wheels. There are not many of those around still.

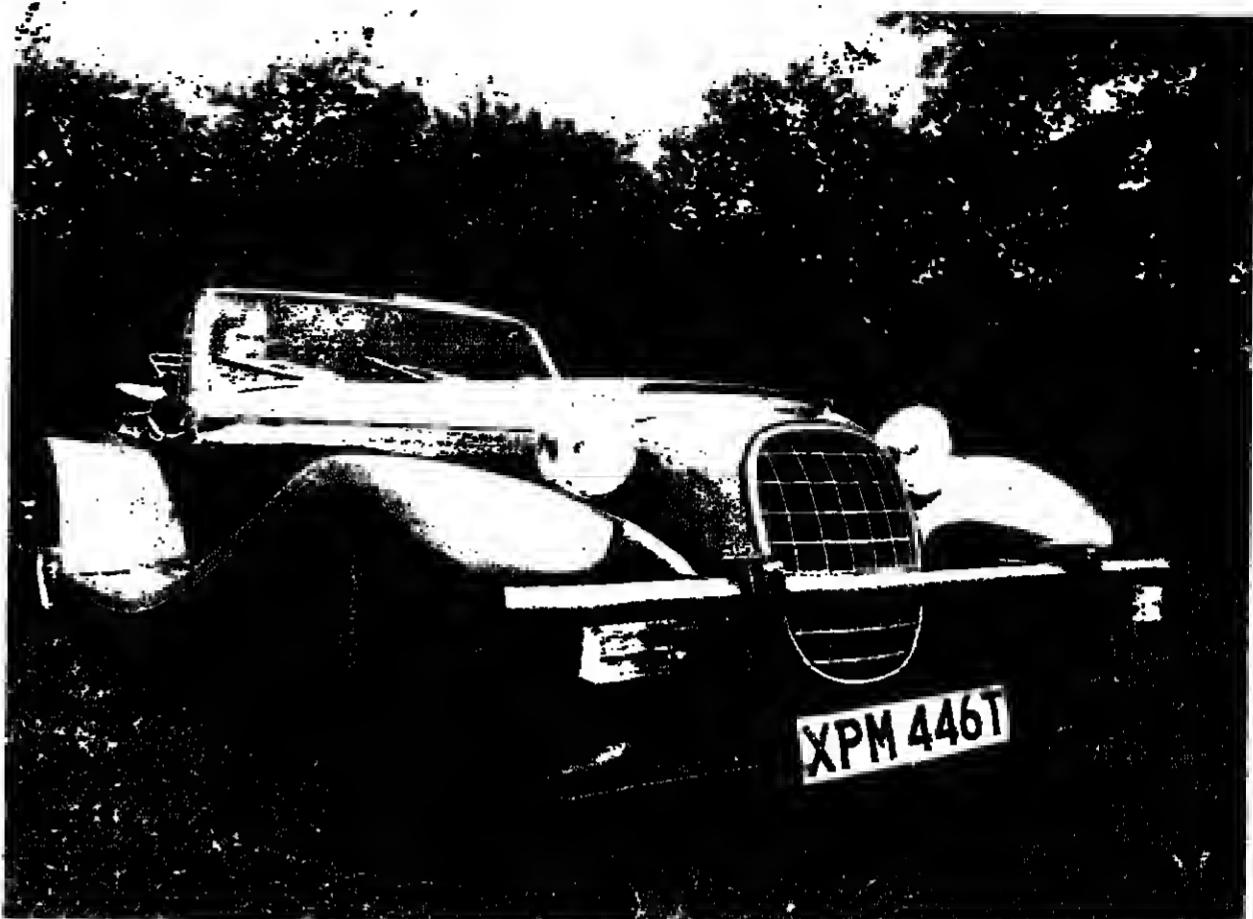
Then there were cycle-cars, jet-turbos — (whatever happened to the Rover turbo?) — electric cars, and now we're seeing a number of projects tinkering with solar powered cars.

But by and large, cars today are still much the same as they were in the days of cheap and unlimited fuel. And the chances are that the millions of motorists throughout the world will find it hard to break the gasoline habit.

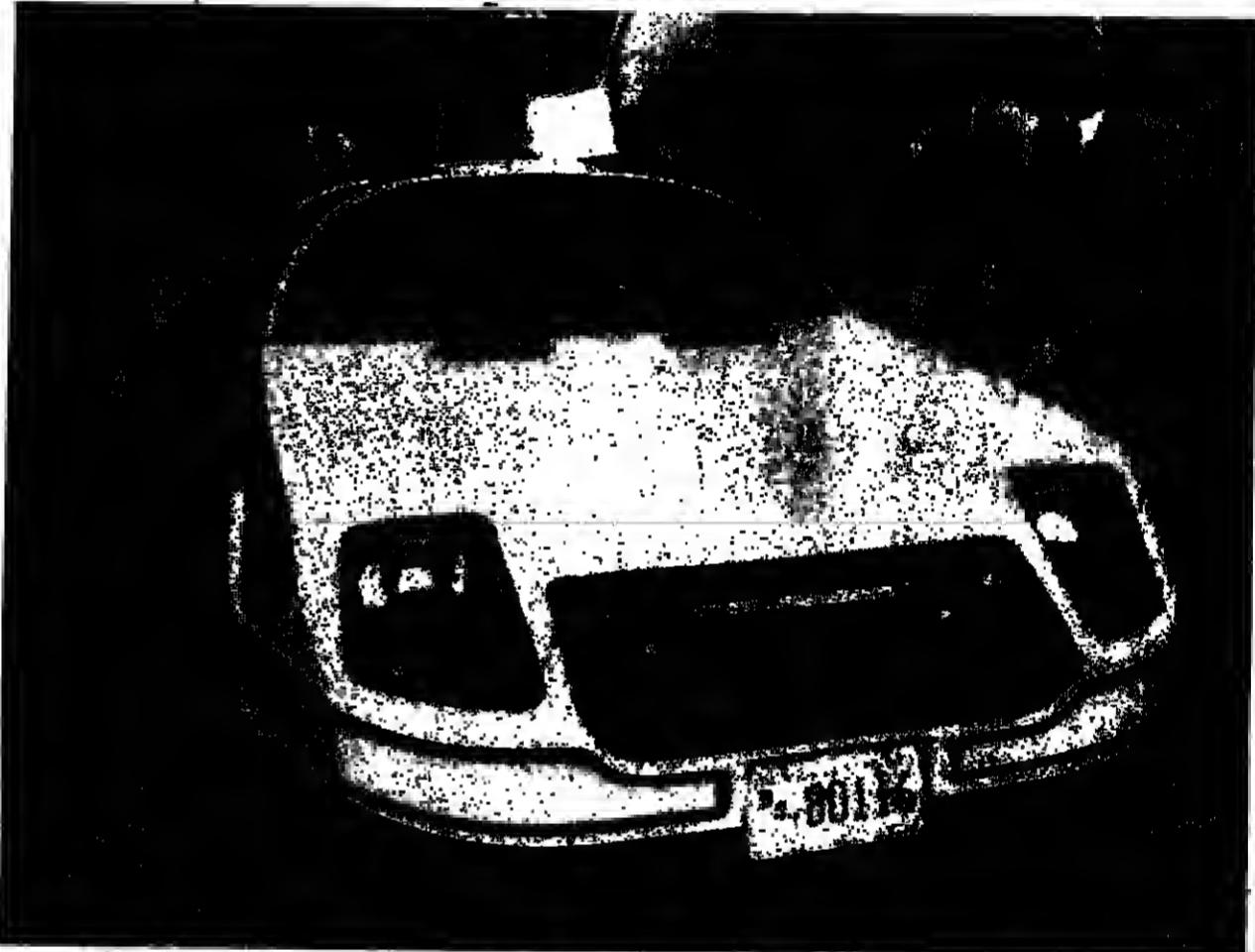
The selection of pictures today illustrates how, apart from a few experiments, motoring still goes on much as it has done for donkey's years! H.T.



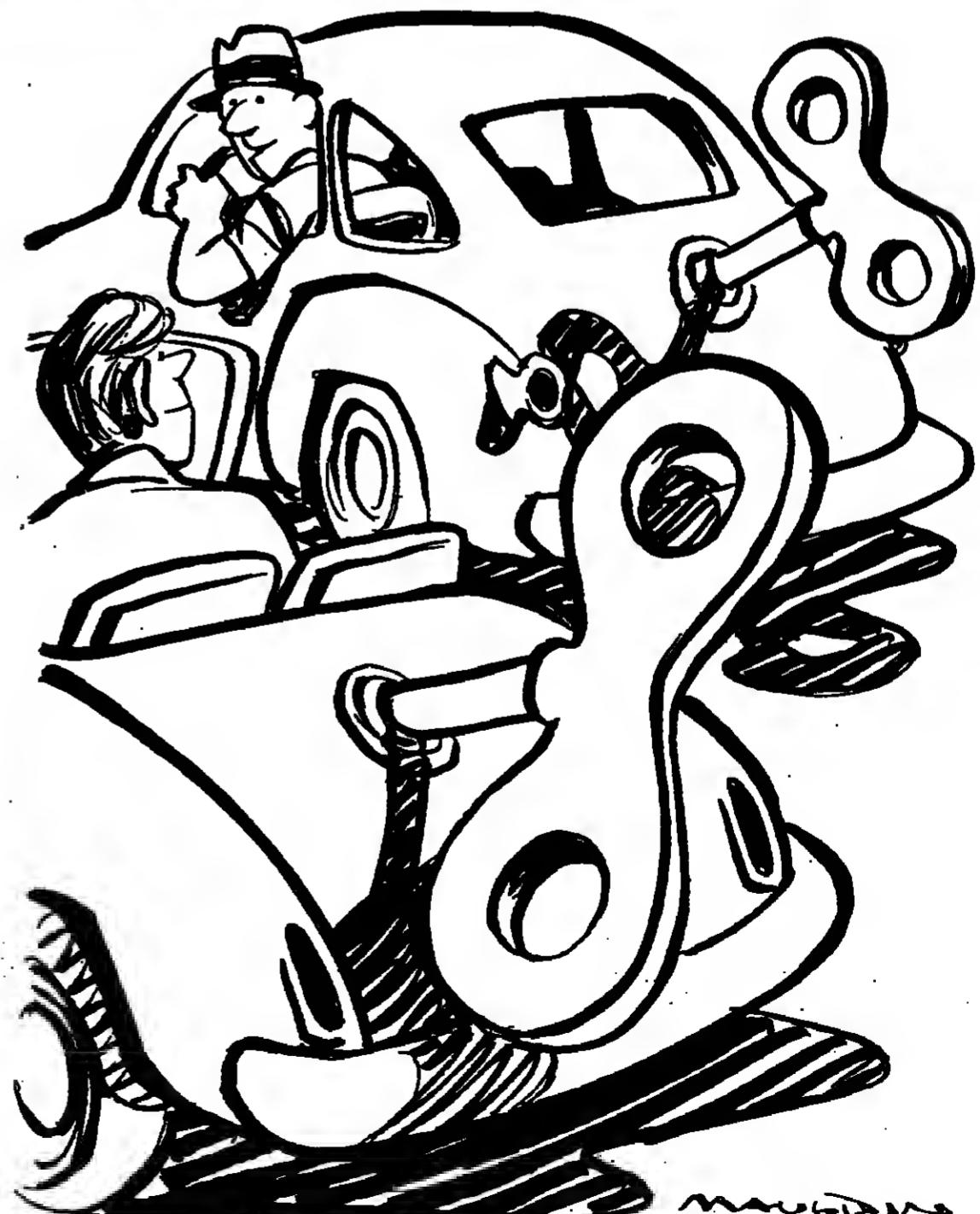
ONE OF THE NEW breed of Land Rover-type go-anywhere vehicles — the Yak Yeoman made in Manchester. The three-compartment configuration is clearly evident in this rugged runabout.



THIS NOUGHT-TO-SIXTY (mph) seconds Panther Lima by Panther West Winds is claimed by its maker to be "built on classical lines," and while the trunk (boot) compartment of this model is barely more than a shelf, nonetheless it is there.



WE ARE NOT proved wrong! This streamlined car still has the three fundamental power, people and package compartments, in spite of its vulture-like wings. Basically, although billed as one of the "cars of the future," it is the same old basic motor car — and it runs on gasoline — in Washington!



"Remember when we stuck 'em on as a joke?"

## Iran warns U.S. senators to stop attacks on oil sales

TEHRAN, Sept. 3 (AP) — Iran's top oil official cautioned that if U.S. lawmakers persist in criticizing the sale of American-refined products to Iran, internal pressures could "force us to seek a revision" of existing crude oil contracts with U.S. firms.

Hassan Nazih, a prominent attorney who took over as National Iranian Oil Co. Chairman after the revolution that ousted the Shah in February, also said Iran might cancel its purchases and turn back two 50,000-ton tankers headed here with U.S. kerosene and heating oil worth \$47 million.

The 68-year-old Nazih, who remains the head of the National Bar Association, made his comments in an interview with the Associated Press in his top floor office of the NIOC building in downtown Tehran.

Nazih described the 1.5 million barrel transaction with the United States as one of virtually "no significance." And said it amounted to only 1/100th of what Iran exports to the United States.

### Repercussions

Nazih recommended that U.S. critics "stop aggrandizing the situation." Otherwise, he said, it could have repercussions on existing contracts with U.S. oil companies and force a reduction in exports to the United States.

Iranian officials estimated the United States buys about 850,000 barrels of oil a day, about five per cent of U.S. imports needs. The contracts expire Dec. 31 and negotiations on new contracts began in October or November.

As in years past, Nazih said,

Iran sought the refined products as insurance against an especially cold winter.

The Iranians approached the Amerada-Hess firm and a special export license was authorized by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who said the sale was made on humanitarian grounds.

Some U.S. lawmakers attacked the deal arguing there was a shortage of fuel in the United States and the sale might drive up prices.

Since kerosene and heating oil was available from other sources, Nazih said, "we might even cancel the transaction and send the two tankers which are on their way, back to the United States."

### World market

He gave no indication that Iran wanted to sell the American refined products on the world market as recent reports have quoted him as saying.

Reza Azimi, an NIOC board member, said that "if the Americans think that it is not a good deal, we will cancel it. But remember, we will then not be in a position to defend our sales."

We won't have any way to explain it to our people."

Nazih said "If these attacks continue internal pressures will increase and we may be forced to revise our agreements with American oil companies." He added the decision may be "involuntary" because of the pressure of public opinion.

He also said that the government "may ask NIOC to sell less oil to the States" as a result of the controversy.

Asked if Iran would use oil as a

political weapon, he replied, "Iran has no intention of doing so because the United States is our best customer."

He cautioned that "ultimately the people who are likely to suffer will be the American people" and added "I recommend to the U.S. senators that they stop this attack because it would not be in the interest of the American people."

After the overthrow of the monarchy, Iran cut back on its exports of petroleum to preserve the precious natural resource and because higher prices meant that the same earnings could be made by exporting less.

### Khang Island

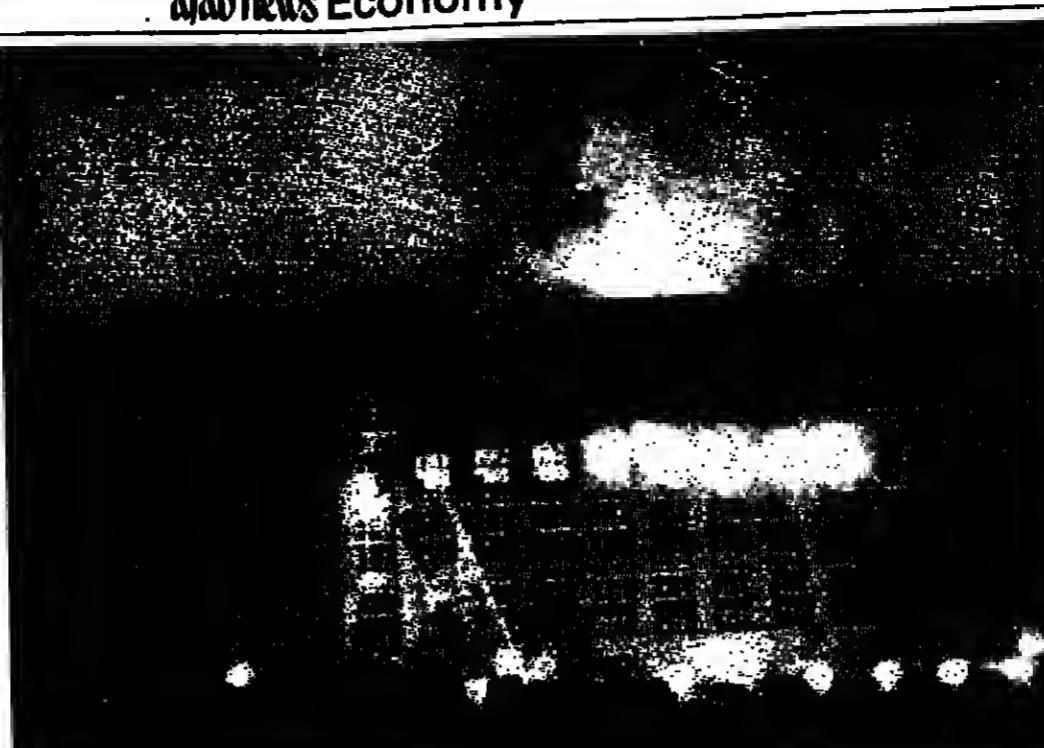
Nazih said production was back to its normal daily average of 3.8 million barrels after several days of bad weather recently that disrupted a drilling operation on Khang Island in the Gulf.

Iran exports about 3.1 million barrels daily and retains the remainder for domestic needs. The United States currently buys between one-fourth and one-third of the oil Iran offers for sale.

Nazih said Iran had no plans to increase production for 1980 if proposed projected gross income for 10 months of this year would be \$22 billion, the same earnings as in 1977 when Iran pumped 5.8 million barrels a day and exported 5.1 million.

Iranian oil industry workers shut down production from December to March crippling the economy and playing a major role in toppling the ex-Shah. Nazih has been credited with smoothing out labor disputes in the oil fields to avert major shutdowns and said there was currently no labor unrest.

Asked if Iran would use oil as a



BANK FIRE: Picture shows flames bursting from the upper stories and roof of the Austrian National Bank which caught fire last week.

## Mexican oil keeps tourists away from South Texas beaches

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas, Sept. 3 (AP) — South Padre and Mustang Islands were clear for Labor Day holiday weekend of both oil and tourists.

Workers had stepped up beach cleaning efforts in anticipation of the holiday crowd and reconnaissance aircraft flights Sunday showed only a few scattered patches of sheen from the world's worst oil spill.

"The beaches are in good shape," said Coast Guard spokesman Larry Clare, but the hordes of tourists who usually congregate on South Texas beaches each Labor Day, the peak of the tourist season and a major

American holiday, apparently were not convinced.

"There's not that many people out today," said Mark Brookman, assistant manager of El Padre Motel. Only two of the motel's 45 rooms were rented. "I went out on the beach this morning and I saw a handful, maybe 25 or 30 people in both directions."

A tropical storm didn't help matters by drenching the northern part of the Texas coast and dumping almost an inch of rain over Corpus Christi on Sunday morning. The sun was shining on south Texas beaches later Sunday.

More than 89 million gallons of crude have gushed into the Gulf of

Mexico since a Mexican oil well blew out June 3, blackening beaches and threatening the lagoons that are breeding grounds for birds and commercial sea life.

Mexican officials say they have reduced the flow of oil from 1.25 million gallons a day to 423,000 and hope to cap the well by mid-month. Thousands of steel and lead balls are being pumped into the well to cut the flow, and containment booms are sweeping up some oil at the well head.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Supply of fuel for the second time	I	20	Sept. 1
" "	Servicing of vehicles and machinery	7	30	Sept. 1
" "	Supply of vehicles	10	50	Sept. 1
Municipality of Taif	Supply of stationery and engineering equipment		100	Sept. 1
" "	Supply of cleaning materials		100	Sept. 1
Directorate General of Post	Supply of packing and wrapping materials	I-99/1400	150	Sept. 1
Municipality of Taif	Undertaking of an illumination project		500	Sept. 1
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Operation and maintenance of power generators in six schools	4/17		Sept. 1



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## EXCHANGE RATES

### U.S. \$

Interbank Spot Middle Dollar  
Exchange Rates at London as quoted  
by Bank of America IFC London

	August 31	August 30
Sterling	2.325	2.346
Switzerland	1.6565	1.6534
Austrian Schilling	1.0022	1.0079
Canadian Dollar	1.5164	1.5192
Deutsche Mark	2.3667	2.3674
French Franc	5.5420	5.5439
Italian Lira	5.55	5.55
Netherlands	2.0020	1.9954
Swiss Franc	1.5164	1.5175
Yen	1.0022	1.0045
Norway	5.0115	5.0235
Dutch Guilder	2.6080	2.6099
Portuguese Escudo	8.5777	8.5782
Saudi Arabian Riyal	4.3425	4.3465
Spanish Peseta	85.3341	85.7848
Swiss Franc	1.5164	1.5175
Denmark Krone	4.8430	4.8431
Ecuadorian Sucre	32.5077	32.7785
Indonesian Rupiah	81.1486	81.1490
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.9995	1.0000
Singapore Dollar	2.0020	2.0025
South African Rand	1.0072	1.0085
Swiss Franc	2.1599	2.1611
U.S. Dollar	1.0000	1.0000
Venezuela Bolivar	5.2014	5.2014

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### E (STERLING)

Closing Spot Sterling Rates at London

	August 31	August 30
USA	2.2512-2.2525	2.2512-2.2525
Canada	2.6232-2.6250	2.6232-2.6250
Switzerland	3.7263-3.7310	3.7263-3.7310
W. Germany	4.1120-4.1150	4.1120-4.1150
U.S. Dollar	1.5070-1.5070	1.5070-1.5070
Dutch Guilder	4.5000-4.5110	4.5000-4.5110
Pound Sterling	4.2170-4.2212	4.2170-4.2212
Japan	7.10-6.95	7.10-6.95
Denmark	4.8430	4.8430
Austria	1.1610-1.1610	1.1610-1.1610
Australia	13.3450	13.3450
Spain	66.03	66.04

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Canada	2.6232-2.6250	2.6232-2.6250
Switzerland	3.7263-3.7310	3.7263-3.7310
W. Germany	4.1120-4.1150	4.1120-4.1150
U.S. Dollar	1.5070-1.5070	1.5070-1.5070
Dutch Guilder	4.5000-4.5110	4.5000-4.5110
Pound Sterling	4.2170-4.2212	4.2170-4.2212
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### DM

Closing Spot DM Rates at London

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USA	2.2512-2.2525	2.2512-2.2525
Canada	2.6232-2.6250	2.6232-2.6250
Switzerland	3.7263-3.7310	3.7263-3.7310
W. Germany	4.1120-4.1150	4.1120-4.1150
U.S. Dollar	1.5070-1.5070	1.5070-1.5070
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Pound Sterling	4.2170-4.2212	4.2170-4.2212
Japan	7.10-6.95	7.10-6.95
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### GOLD

Closing Gold Prices (In US Dollars per troy ounce)

	August 31	August 30
U.S.A.	1,827.5	1,823.3
U.K.	4,116.0	4,150.0
Ireland	3,765.0	3,753.0
Canada	1,565.3	1,554.5
Netherlands	91,149	91,296
Sweden	11,820	11,820
Japan	4,215	4,215
France	1,828.8	1,828.8
Denmark	11,820-11,820	11,820-11,820
Italy	1,828.8-1,830.0	1,828.8-1,830.0
Irish Pounds	1,827.27	1,827.27
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U.S. Dollar	1,828.8	1,828.8
Swiss Franc	3,293.5	3,293.5
Spanish Peseta	91,461.8	91,461.8
Austria	10,000-10,000	10,000-10,000
Denmark	1,828.8	1,828.8
Portugal	3,729	3,700
Japan	6,029	6,030
Finland	47.52	47.41

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### COMMODITIES

London Metal Exchange Closing Prices

	August 31	August 30
Aluminum	1,827.5	1,823.3
Brass	4,116.0	4,150.0
Copper	3,765.0	3,753.0
Lead	1,565.3	1,554.5
Nickel	91,149	91,296
Steel	11,820	11,820
Tin	4,215	4,215
Zinc	1,828.8	1,828.8

Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Fixings

	August 31	August 30
USA	1,827.5	1,823.3
U.K.	4,116.0	4,150.0
Ireland	3,765.0	3,753.0
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International

*Death toll jumps to 640*

## David hurls its might at Florida

MIAVIL Sept. 3 (AP) — David, one of the century's deadliest hurricanes, picked up strength after cutting a trail of destruction through the Caribbean and Monday aimed its monstrous winds and monumental waves at Florida's populous Gold Coast.

Before closing on Florida, the storm had killed at least 640 persons in five days, including at least 500 in the Dominican Republic, where authorities estimated 150,000 persons were homeless.

In South Florida, oceanside residents deserted plush condominiums, crowding into emergency shelters or heading north on clogged Interstate 95, the main artery out of the area.

Residents all the way to Brevard county — 320 kilometers from Miami — fled beach areas. At hardware stores, homeowners who chose to remain battled over flashlight batteries and even parking spaces.

James Saunders, Co-owner of a Miami hardware store where all 24 aisles were jammed described the scene as "total panic."

Fierce gale winds, rising tides and heavy squalls signaled David's approach. Shortly after midnight, Fort Lauderdale and Miami reported winds of 88 kilometers per hour.

"It certainly looks like it's going to come

across the coast in the Miami-Fort Lau-

**Lynch rejects British call for new security measures**

DUBLIN, Sept. 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Jack Lynch rejected Sunday British calls for fresh security measures to curb terrorism, including allowing British troops stationed in Northern Ireland to pursue gunmen across the border.

In an interview with Dublin Radio, Lynch dismissed the British proposals as "counter-productive" and possibly "dangerous" — thus setting an apparent collision course for his meeting in London on Wednesday with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The two leaders are scheduled to confer after the ceremonial funeral at Westminster Abbey of British soldier-statesman Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Mountbatten, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, and three others were killed last Monday when a bomb planted by Irish Republican Army guerrillas ripped apart his vacation boat in Donegal Bay. Hours later, 18 British soldiers were slain in Northern Ireland when guerrillas detonated two bomb blasts from this side of the border.

As Lynch's interview was broadcast Sunday night, the potential for Anglo-Irish friction was underlined as Britain's Secretary for Northern Ireland, Humphrey Atkins, stressed

**Mondale, Ohira agree to assist Asian refugees**

TOKYO, Sept. 3 (R) — U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale and Japanese Premier Masayoshi Ohira agreed Monday on closer Japanese-American cooperation to solve the Indochina refugee problems.

Japanese officials said the two leaders discussed the issue when Mondale stopped briefly in Tokyo on his way home after visits to China and Hong Kong.

They agreed on closer liaison between the two governments in coping with the exodus of refugees, the officials said.

**American girl**

**World swim record set in Tokyo**

TOKYO, Sept. 3 (AP) — Cynthia Woodhead of the United States broke her own world record in the women's 200-meter freestyle Monday in the first FINA (International Swimming Federation) world cup swimming championships.

The 15-year-old Riverside, California, freestyle expert finished in one minute 58.23 seconds, beating the mark of 1:58.43 she set in the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico in July.

Her record performances here — the first world record of the three-day meet — earned her a third gold medal and fourth medal overall in these championships, which end Monday.

Woodhead, who won five gold medals in the Pan American

Games, led all the way, increasing her lead as the race progressed in the 50-meter indoor Tokyo Olympic pool.

New Zealand's Rebecca Perrott finished second, about six meters behind, in 2:02.71. Canada's Wendy Quirk was third in 2:03.12.

Bill Forrester of the United States won the men's 200-meter freestyle over six competitors in 1:49.83.

Peter Schmidt of Canada, who placed second in the 400-meter freestyle Saturday, was second in 1:51.87.

Mary Meagher, 14-year-old new American aquatic standout, won the women's 100-meter butterfly in 59.71.

Second was Nancy Garapick of

Canada in 1:02.14.

U.S. swimmers had another big day Sunday winning seven of 12 golds at stake although no world records were set.

The Americans, including five world record holders, now have a total of 15 golds, three silvers and three bronzes.

By nation among the eight nationalities competing, the U.S. was first, Canada was second with two gold medals, three silver and four bronzes. The latest gold went to Graham Smith, who shared first in the men's 100-meter breaststroke with West German Peter Lang. Both were timed in one minute 49.83 seconds.

Brazilian Djan Madruga, 20, who had said he didn't expect to win the men's 400-meter freestyle Saturday, won another gold Sunday in the 200-meter backstroke. Others who have collected two golds all are American world record holders — Tracy Caulkins and Linda Jezek.

The Soviet Union, another top rated country in swimming, fielded a "B" team and so far has captured one silver and four bronzes. East Germany is not participating.

U.S. Coach Don Easterling said he was looking forward to better records by the American swimmers on the final day Monday because Mary Meagher, Kim Linehan and others will compete in their specialties.



RUGBY : England player P.J. Wheeler demonstrates some of the finer points of the British sport in advance of planned meets with a South African team.

**S. Africans to tour U.K. rugby invitation on**

LONDON, Sept. 3 (AP) — The British Rugby Unions refused Monday to cancel a tour by a multi-racial South African team, and were immediately condemned by Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The four British unions which control the game in Britain and Ireland rejected a request by the British government to call off the tour by the South African Barbarians team.

The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa has said it will press for Britain's exclusion from next year's Olympics in Moscow if the rugby tour goes ahead.

Killanin said in a statement: "Rugby is not an Olympic sport, and in Britain and Ireland has no connection with the National Olympic Committees."

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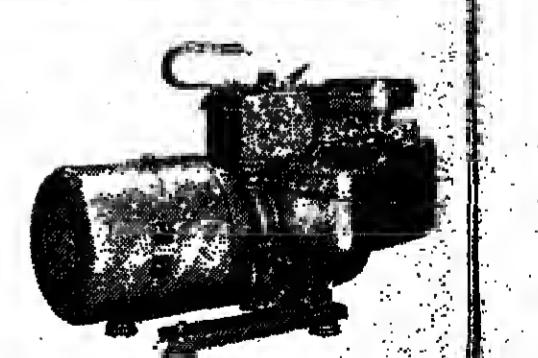
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